(b) if so, whether there is any proposal to evolve a policy to ensure that these experienced and qualified persons in the pharmaceutical field are gainfully employed;

(c) whether it is proposed to conduct training or refresher courses for the medical practitioners in different systems of medicines to acquaint them with the latest trends and developments in the respective fields; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (DR. ANBUMANI RAMADOSS): (a) and (b) There are no reports to indicate unemployment problems amongst Pharma graduates/post graduates. There are wide prospects of employment in the Industry, Government and Retail pharmacy business. Further, it is projected that during the post GATT regime there would be expanded scope for employment of pharmacists. The State Pharmacy Councils have registered over 5.5 Lakhs graduate/diploma holder pharmacists, many of whom are gainfully employed as retail chemists.

(c) and (d) Continuing Medical Education Programmes, coordinated and financed by the Medical Council of India, are regularly held in various Medical Colleges for updating knowledge and skills of the Allopathic Medical Practitioners. Reorientation Training Programmes and Continuing Medical Education Programmes for ISM&H practitioners are regularly held in various ISM&H Institutions for which the support is provided by the Department of AYUSH in the Ministry of Health & Family Welfare. These programmes will continue to be held during the current year also.

**Setting up of concrete sleeper plants**

†*96. SHRIMATI KUM KUM RAI: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government are going to set up 15 new concrete sleeper plants;

† Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether any concrete sleeper plant would be set up in Bihar; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI LALU PRASAD): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. Railway has planned to set up 15 new concrete sleeper plants at (i) Chak Sikander (East Central Railway) (ii) Dauram Madhepura (East Central Railway) (iii) Sitamarhi (East Central Railway) (iv) Wena (East Central Railway) (v) Palghat (Southern Railway) (vi) Bitragunta (South Central Railway) (vii) Harihar (South Western Railway) (viii) Mandagere (South Western Railway) (ix) Yelahanka (South Western Railway) (x) Kathua (Northern Railway) (xi) Sultanpur (Northern Railway) (xii) Roza (Northern Railway) (xiii) Dhilwan (Northern Railway) (xiv) Aunrihar (North Eastern Railway) (xv) Bhanga (North East Frontier Railway).

(c) and (d) Yes, Sir. Railway has planned to set up 4 concrete sleeper plants in East Central Railway at (i) Chak Sikander (ii) Dauram Madhepura (iii) Sitamarhi & (iv) Wena. All these four locations fall in Bihar.

**Revival of lakes in Udaipur**

97. SHRI SHAHID SIDDIQUI: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that many lakes in Udaipur, which have dried up are being sold as plots and roads are being constructed on them;

(b) whether Udaipur Urban Improvement Trust has taken clearance from his Ministry to build these roads; and

(c) what steps are being taken to revive these lakes and water-bodies?

THE MINISTER OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI A. RAJA): (a) As per the information furnished by the State Government of Rajasthan, a Committee was constituted for identification of lakes in Udaipur. The Committee has identified 42 waterbodies and classified them in three categories—1. Lakes, 2. Panchayat Ponds, 3. Water collection structure on khatedari lands. In this context, the State